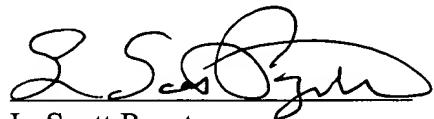


REMARKS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/14840 filed 26 May 2000, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/252,536 filed 22 November 2000. Claims 18-20 have been added to further define the present invention. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121, a marked-up copy on separate sheets is provided for the amendments to page 1 of the specification as follows:

Please remove and replace the first paragraph appearing on page 1 of the specification with the following:

[This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/321,369, filed May 27, 1999, now pending, the disclosure of which is entirely incorporated by reference herein and the benefit of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.]

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/252,536 filed 22 November 2000, the disclosure of which is entirely incorporated by reference herein, and which is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/14840 filed 26 May 2000 and published in the English language 7 December 2000, the disclosure of which is entirely incorporated by reference herein, and which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application No. 09/321,369 filed 27 May 1999, the disclosure of which is entirely incorporated by reference herein.

